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Members:	Botswana	Mr. Legwaila
	Chile	Mr. Somavía
	China	Mr. Qin Huasun
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	Russian Federation	Mr. Chtcherbak
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Lloyd
	United States of America	Mr. Inderfurth

Agenda

The situation in Burundi

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The meeting was called to order at 6.35 p.m.

Expression of sympathy to the Government and people of the United States of America in connection with the bombing at the Olympic Games in Atlanta

The President (*interpretation from French*): At the outset of the meeting, I should like, on behalf of the Security Council, to express deep sympathy to the Government and people of the United States of America in connection with the tragedy they experienced as a result of the bombing incident at the Olympic Games in Atlanta early on Saturday morning.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Burundi

The President (*interpretation from French*): I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Burundi, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Ndikumana (Burundi) took a seat at the Council table.

The President (*interpretation from French*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Following consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council regrets that both civilian and military leaders of Burundi did not resolve their differences through established constitutional mechanisms and condemns the actions that led to the overthrow of constitutional order in Burundi.

"The Security Council calls upon all Burundian leaders to respect the Burundi constitution and the will of the people of the country. The Council urges the military leaders of Burundi to restore constitutional government and processes, including the continuation of the elected National Assembly and civil institutions and respect for human rights. The Council stresses that the present situation in Burundi requires utmost restraint and calls upon all concerned to refrain from any actions and statements which could provoke further escalation of the crisis.

"The Security Council calls upon all Burundian parties and leaders to halt all violence and engage immediately in concerted efforts to achieve a lasting national settlement and reconciliation. The Council stresses their responsibility to protect the lives of all persons, including President Ntibantunganya, Prime Minister Nduwayo and members of their government, and expects them to maintain democratic institutions and to enter into negotiations for a peaceful resolution of the crisis.

"The Security Council reiterates its full support for regional mediation efforts, including those of former President Nyerere and the Organization of African Unity.

"The Security Council will remain actively seized of the matter."

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on the agenda.

The meeting rose at 6.40 p.m.